

Customs & Border Protection (CBP): Securing America's Borders

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Do you desire to protect American interests and secure our Nation while building a meaningful and rewarding career? If so, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is calling. DHS components work collectively to prevent terrorism, secure borders, enforce and administer immigration laws, safeguard cyberspace and ensure resiliency to disasters. The vitality and magnitude of this mission is achieved by a diverse workforce spanning hundreds of occupations. Make an impact; join DHS.

Discover a challenging and rewarding career in CBP, the sole organization responsible for securing the nation's borders. At U.S. Customs and Border Protection, we:

- Screen passengers, vehicles, and shipments entering our country
- Seize illegal narcotics, vehicles, and agricultural products
- Prevent unauthorized entry into the country
- Rescue individuals who fall into dangerous conditions traversing our border

For more information about CBP's mission, activities, and careers, please see <http://www.cbp.gov>.

Joining the Customs and Border Protection Office of Field Operations will allow you to use your expertise to address anti-terrorism and border security enforcement activities in the United States. This position starts at a salary of \$124,995 (GS-15 Step 01). Apply for this exciting opportunity to strengthen Homeland Security by managing a variety of law enforcement related programs.

Who May Apply: Current U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees with competitive status.

- For definitions of terms found in this announcement, please see http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/careers/gc_1303762131481.shtm.

Organizational Location: This position is located within U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Field Operations, Baltimore Field Office in Sterling, VA.

One or more selections may be made using this job opportunity announcement.

If going from a LEO Covered Position to a Secondary CBPO Special Enhanced Retirement

Covered Position: Please be advised that when you enter on duty in this secondary CBPO special enhanced retirement covered position you will no longer be covered under the Special Retirement System for Law Enforcement Officers, but will only be covered under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). For further information on the CBPO Enhanced Retirement Coverage, please see the section on **Retirement Coverage**.

This is a dual track position, announced at both the 1895 and 1801 series. This announcement is for the 1895 series, if you wish to apply to the 1801 series, please see VIN 1093887 <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/366768600>. If you are currently covered under enhanced retirement and want to maintain your enhanced retirement coverage, you may want to apply to the 1895 announced position.

Travel Required: 25% or Greater

Travel Description: You may be required to travel frequently.

Relocation Authorized: Yes

Relocation Authorized Description: Relocation expenses will be paid.

You must be a U.S. Citizen to apply for this position

You may be required to pass a background investigation and/or polygraph

Males born after 12/31/1959 must be registered with Selective Service

You may be required to pass initial and random drug testing

You must possess a valid driver's license

You will be required to carry a firearm and maintain firearm proficiency

In this Supervisory CBP Officer (Area Port Director) position you will become a key member of a team of Homeland Security professionals managing a variety of law enforcement programs. Typical work assignments include:

- Coordinating the operations of one or more major ports of entry that may consist of air, land, and sea operations
- Planning and overseeing the work activities of Border Security, Trade Compliance, Interdiction and Security, Passenger Operations, Border Targeting and Analysis, Animal and Plant Health Inspections and other activities related to protecting the homeland from terrorism, drugs, and other contraband
- Managing activities and providing technical advice on the import/export of cargo/merchandise and articles accompanying persons, international mail compliance; arrival/departure of vessels, aircraft, and vehicles, including apprehension and detention of those suspected of violating such laws and regulations
- Evaluating employees' performance and conduct; resolving disciplinary actions; maintaining all operating budgets; and promoting affirmative action goals

GS-15: You qualify at the GS-15 level if you possess specialized experience that equipped you with the skills needed to perform the job duties. Examples include managing major components of operational programs and their appropriate support functions, and directing the development of nationwide policy and program initiatives. Experience managing a Customs and Border Protection operational program related to protecting the nation's borders is preferred (e.g., port director, special agent in charge, district director, regional manager, chief inspector, etc.).

Secondary CBP Officer Requirement: The criterion is that knowledge, skill and ability in a position deemed to meet primary CBPO special retirement coverage is a **mandatory prerequisite** to satisfactory perform the major duties and responsibilities of this job In order to meet the requirements of this secondary CBP Officer position you must have permanently served in a primary CBP Officer Special Enhanced Retirement covered position, i.e. Customs Inspector, GS-1890, Immigration Inspector, GS-1816, Canine Enforcement Officer, GS-1801, or CBP Officer, GS-1895.

Note: If you currently serve in a permanent secondary CBP Officer Special Enhanced Retirement covered position, you are exempt from this mandatory prerequisite.

You must:

- Meet all qualification requirements subject to verification at any stage of the application process; and
- Meet all applicable Time in Grade requirements (current Federal employees must have served 52 weeks at the next lower grade or equivalent grade band in the Federal service) by Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

If you are not a current GS-1895, and you are selected, you will have to meet the following medical/physical standards:

Physical and Medical Requirements: Because the duties of the position are of a strenuous nature and require a high degree of interaction and responsibility to the public, you must undergo and successfully pass our medical screening process. We will schedule, provide and pay for the required basic medical examination. For more information, go to

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/careers/customs_careers/officer/tentatively_selected/

Physical Fitness Screening: Due to the strenuous nature of the CBP Officer duties and the associated training programs, fitness tests have been developed and will be used to screen candidates for CBP Officer positions. Candidates will be required to pass 2 pre-employment fitness tests. For more information, go to: www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/careers/customs_careers/officer/cbp_officer/

Firearms Requirement: You will be required to carry a firearm and maintain firearm proficiency. Any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence cannot lawfully possess a firearm or ammunition. You will be required to certify whether you have ever been convicted of such an offense. False or fraudulent information is criminally punishable by fine or imprisonment.

Supervisory Probationary Period: You may be required to serve an 18 month probationary period upon appointment and complete a supervisory training course within 12 months of assignment.

Uniform: This position requires you to wear an officially-approved uniform while in a duty status.

Physical and Environmental Conditions: The work environment includes offices, aircraft operation areas, airline passenger and cargo areas, and marine docks. Periods of outdoor work may be required in snow, rain, or extreme heat. Occasional periods of outdoor work may be required in remote areas with no modern comfort facilities. The work may involve the use of toxic chemicals, pesticides and fumigants. Protective clothing may be required such as hard hats, gloves, goggles, hearing protection, and respirators.

Basic Training: You may be required to attend approximately 15 weeks of training at the CBP Academy at FLETC. Candidates selected for certain duty locations may receive an additional 6 weeks of Spanish language training.

Data Systems: You will be required to maintain access to all data systems necessary for duty execution.

Shift Work/Overtime: You will be required to work on a shift and rotational basis and perform substantial amounts of overtime.

Motor Vehicle Operation: You must possess a current valid State driver's license at the time of

appointment.

We will review your resume and supporting documentation to ensure you meet the basic qualification requirements. If you meet the minimum qualifications, your experience, education and training will be rated using an online self-assessment questionnaire that is based on the competencies or knowledge, skills, and abilities listed below. You will receive a score ranging from 70-100 based on your responses.

If you are best qualified, you may be referred to the hiring manager for consideration and may be called for an interview. To preview the job questionnaire, see [View Occupational Questionnaire](#).


Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics (KSAOs): Candidates who meet the minimum qualification requirements are required to possess certain Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, or Other Characteristics (KSAOs) to successfully perform the functions of this position. Candidates will be asked to demonstrate their attainment of these KSAOs in their resume. The KSAOs are:

- Skill in managing activities related to carrying out the CBP core business process
- Ability to manage the overall work to achieve agency goals and objectives
- Ability to advance the mission of the CBP despite opposition to the goals and objectives of external and internal groups
- Ability to independently carry out assigned duties and refer only controversial issues to senior leadership

Agency Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) eligibility: If you have never worked for the federal government, you are not CTAP eligible. Information about CTAP eligibility is on the OPM's Career Transition Resources website at:

[http://www.opm.gov/Reduction In Force/employee_resources/ctap/Employee-Guideline CTAP.asp#3a](http://www.opm.gov/Reduction%20In%20Force/employee_resources/ctap/Employee-Guideline_CTAP.asp#3a). To be considered well qualified under CTAP, you must be rated at a minimum score of 85 for this position. In addition, you must submit the supporting documents listed in the "Required Documents" section of this announcement.

To begin your online application, click "**Apply Online**" to create a USAJOBS account and follow the prompts or log in to your existing account. Your application packet must include a completed assessment questionnaire, a resume, and any applicable and/or required supporting documentation. Please see the "Required Documents" section below for additional information. All application materials, including transcripts, must be in English.

We strongly encourage you to apply online. If you cannot apply online, you may fax your resume, assessment questionnaire, and supporting documents to **(478) 757-3144** . You must print a copy of and document your responses to the assessment questionnaire [View Occupational Questionnaire](#) using OPM Form 1203-FX http://www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf_fill/OPM1203fx.pdf, and the official fax cover sheet: <http://staffing.opm.gov/pdf/usascoversheet.pdf>. Please include job opportunity announcement ID

1093384 and provide your SSN, name, and address using the exact name you used when you filled out the questionnaire. If you have uploaded documents into your application, you do not need to fax those same documents.

Applications and supporting documentation will not be accepted by mail or email. The address below is for inquiries only. You may apply more than once, but the most recent application is the only one that will be used. **You must submit your resume, your online questionnaire, and any supporting documents by 11:59 Eastern Standard Time on Tuesday, April 29, 2014.**

- **Your resume:** A resume describing your job-related qualifications is required and will be used for the purpose of reviewing your qualifications and determining what training, if any, would be required when placed. Your resume must be in English and must include your job titles and a detailed description of your duties and the dates you performed them (MM/YY). Your resume should also contain your full name, address, phone number, email address, and your work schedule and salary.
- **Your responses to the job questionnaire** [View Occupational Questionnaire](#)
- **Are you claiming special priority selection rights under the Agency Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP)?** You must submit a separation notice; SF-50B; a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent; an agency certification that you cannot be placed after injury compensation has been terminated; an OPM notification that your disability annuity has been terminated; or a Military Department of National Guard Bureau notification that you are retired under 5 U.S.C. 8337(h) or 8456.
- ***Veterans preference points are not applicable to Merit Promotion announcements.***
- You may be asked to provide a copy of your recent performance appraisal and/or incentive awards.

It is your responsibility to verify that any information entered, uploaded, or faxed is received and is accurate. Human Resources will not modify or change any part of your application. If a document is not legible, you will not be able to view it in your application and you must again upload or fax it by the closing date.

Once the job opportunity announcement has closed, we will assess your experience and training, identify the best qualified applicants, and refer those applications to the hiring manager for further consideration and interviews. You will be notified by email after each of these steps has been completed. Stay informed of changes to your application status by signing up for automatic email alerts at: <https://my.usajobs.gov/Account/NotificationSettings.aspx>. If you are referred, you will receive a final notification of the disposition of the announcement. We expect to make a tentative job offer within 60 days after the close of the announcement. If you are selected, we may conduct a suitability/security background investigation.

DHS offers competitive starting salaries and an attractive benefits package, including: health insurance,

Thrift Savings Plan (similar to a 401(k)), Flexible Spending Account, retirement plan, life and long-term care insurance, Employee Assistance Program, personal leave days and paid federal holidays. Other benefits may include: flexible work schedules, telework, tuition reimbursement, transportation subsidies, uniform allowance, health and wellness programs, and fitness centers. DHS is committed to employee development and offers a variety of employee training and development opportunities. For more information, please go to www.dhs.gov/careers and select "Benefits".

Relocation expenses **will** be paid. To compare cost of living data, calculate mortgage scenarios, or gather information on communities and school districts, please visit the website:

<http://www.relocationessentials.com/aff/lifecare/tools/salary/col.aspx>

Retirement Coverage: This position has been identified as a secondary position as provided under the enhanced retirement provision of Public Law 110-161 for Customs and Border Protection Officers.

Please see

http://cbpnet.cbp.dhs.gov/xp/cbpnet/hrm/retirement/new_cbpo_retirement_coverage/cbp_faqs.xml for requirements of secondary coverage. Information is also available by calling the CBPO Retirement Coverage toll-free hotline at 1-866-469-7359 or emailing questions to RABASERVICES@cbp.dhs.gov.

Background Investigation: Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is a federal law enforcement agency that requires all applicants to undergo a thorough background investigation prior to employment in order to promote the agency's core values of vigilance, service to country and integrity. During the screening and/or background investigation process, you will be asked questions regarding any felony criminal convictions or current felony charges, the use of illegal drugs (i.e., marijuana, cocaine, heroin, LSD, methamphetamines, ecstasy) and the use of non-prescribed controlled substances including any experimentation, possession, sale, receipt, manufacture, cultivation, production, transfer, shipping, trafficking, or distribution of controlled substances. Entry into this position may require that you successfully pass a polygraph examination. For more information, please see:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/careers/apply/mandatory_back_invest.xml.

Probationary Period: Current and former federal employees may be required to serve or complete a probationary period.

This position is not covered under the bargaining unit.

CBP uses E-Verify to validate all newly hired applicants' ability to work legally in the United States. To learn more about E-Verify, please follow this link: <http://www.uscis.gov/e-verify>.

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